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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO MARCOS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO MARCOS
DATED JUNE 2, 1978. AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED TO GIVE
MARCOS TEXT OF LETTER DURING CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION
CEREMONY JUNE 8. ORIGINAL OF LETTER IS BEING POUCHED.
LETTER IS CLASSIFIED "CONFIDENTIAL" AND TEXT HANDED MARCOS
SHOULD BE SO MARKED. WE ARE SEEKING WHITE HOUSE APPROVAL
FOR AMBASSADOR TO MAKE ADDITIONAL REMARKS WHICH WILL UP-
DATE LETTER BY REFERRING IN POSITIVE TERMS TO START OF
MILITARY-TO-MILITARY TALKS AND RECENT FAVORABLE HUMAN
RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF
MAY 3, 1978, WITH THE THOUGHTFUL AND PERCEPTIVE VIEWS ON
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I PARTICULARLY
WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM AND GRACIOUS
RECEPTION YOU AND MRS. MARCOS ACCORDED VICE
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PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO
MANILA, AND FOR THE FRIENDSHIP AND CANDOR WITH WHICH YOU
TALKED TO HIM.

QUOTE AS A RESULT OF HIS VISIT, MR. MONDALE LEFT MANILA
WITH A CLEAR PICTURE NOT ONLY OF YOUR VIEWS ON OUR
RELATIONSHIP, BUT ALSO OF PHILIPPINE PERCEPTIONS OF THE

EVOLUTION OF THE ASIAN SITUATION. THE MAJOR SPEECH ON UNITED STATES POLICY IN ASIA THAT MR. MONDALE DELIVERED AT THE EAST-WEST CENTER IN HONOLULU ON MAY 10 REFLECTS THE INSIGHTS HE RECEIVED DURING HIS STAY IN MANILA.

QUOTE FROM YOUR LETTER AND MY DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. MONDALE, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE GONE FAR TOWARD AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AMENDMENT OF THE MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT IS, OF COURSE, AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. THE PRINCIPLES ENUMERATED IN THE JOINT U.S.-PHILIPPINE STATEMENT, WHICH YOU AND MR. MONDALE ISSUED, CAN PROVIDE THE IMPETUS NEEDED TO RESUME TALKS, INITIALLY AT THE MILITARY LEVEL, AND PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO REACH FULL AGREEMENT.

QUOTE AS YOU KNOW, THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE FULL DOLS 18,100,000 FY 1979 MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) FOR THE PHILIPPINES WHICH WE HAD REQUESTED. MY ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FULL AMOUNT OF THIS REQUEST IN THE HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL FOLLOW.

QUOTE I AM TOLD THAT THE TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY OF ENERGY VELASCO AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND OTHERS WENT WELL. AS PART OF OUR LONG-TERM EFFORT TO HELP YOUR CONFIDENTIAL

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COUNTRY EXPAND ITS ENERGY RESOURCES, WE WILL SEND AN EXPERT TEAM TO THE PHILIPPINES THIS SUMMER TO WORK WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT IN IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN THE ENERGY FIELD. WE ALSO INTEND TO SEND AN AID MISSION SHORTLY TO CONSIDER NEW PROGRAMS FOR OLONGAPO AND ANGELES CITY, AS THE VICE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED WITH YOU.

QUOTE FINALLY, LET ME SAY THAT I APPRECIATE THE FRANKNESS WITH WHICH YOU DISCUSSED THE BROAD ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITH MR. MONDALE, AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS OF OUR CONGRESS ON THIS MATTER. SUCH CANDID DIALOGUE IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ON THIS ISSUE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO SEEKING AN ADVANCE IN THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS. THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRIES FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE TO DEFEND THAT CAUSE. I BELIEVE THAT WE NOW HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ONE ANOTHER'S POSITIONS AND OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH POLICY JUDGMENTS ARE BASED. I HOPE THAT, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, EVENTS WILL GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO TURN THE CORNER OF THIS DIFFICULT ISSUE. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE. VANCE

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